

AP World History

Summer Assignment

The book, *World History in 6 Glasses*, by Tom Standage tells the story of World History from the perspective of six drinks that shaped human history, starting with the Neolithic Revolution thru Globalization. This book contextualizes history in an engaging way and will help students by introducing them to the major themes we will be discussing in class.

The following questions are designed to help guide students to focus their attention on the topics most relevant to the course. For full credit, students will need to answer each question thoroughly and concisely, with evidence from the text to support their answer. Responses need to be written using academic language and complete sentences.

Due Date:

The first week of school, students will be given access to their Google Classroom and this assignment will be submitted electronically.

Part I

1. What does this history of beer in the ancient world tell us about the early □ civilizations?
2. What were some of the uses of beer by ancient cultures? Nourishment? Ritual? Religious?
3. How did beer “civilize” man, according to the author?
4. What is the relationship between beer and writing, commerce, and health?

Part II

1. How did the use of wine differ from that of beer in ancient Greece and Rome? □
2. How was wine used by the Greeks?
3. How and why did wine develop into a form of a status symbol in Greece? □
4. How was wine consumed? What does this tell us about the ancient Greek culture?
5. How did the use of wine in Roman culture differ from that of ancient Greece?
6. What is the relationship between wine and empire, medicine, and religion?

Part III

1. What is the origin of distilled spirits?
2. What is the connection between spirits and colonization?
3. How was the production of spirits connected to slavery?
4. In the 18th century, how did spirits help Britain have a more superior navy than France?
5. Why were spirits an important staple in Colonial America?
6. What were the negative effects/uses of spirits? (Use entire chapter to answer this)

Part IV

1. Who did Europeans get coffee from and how did it spread to Europe?
2. Why was it so important to Europe's development that many people's beverage of choice switched from alcohol to coffee?
3. Describe coffee's effect on the global balance of power (in terms of commerce).
4. How did coffee play a pivotal role in the scientific revolution? (provide multiple examples)
5. How did coffee play a pivotal role in the French Revolution? (give lots of detail and go into the Enlightenment)

Part V

1. When did tea first become a mainstream drink in Asia? In Europe?
2. How did the consumption of tea in Europe differ from how it was consumed in China or Japan?
3. If tea arrived in Europe around the same time as when coffee did, why did it not find the immediate success that coffee had?
4. How did tea transform English society? Who were its main consumers and what were some of the new rituals that surrounded tea?
5. How was tea connected to the opium trade and the Opium War of 1839- 1842?
6. What role did the tea trade and production play in the British rule over India?

Part VI

1. What was the relationship of coke and World War II? □
2. How was coke thought of by the communist during the Cold War? □
3. What is meant by “globalization in a bottle”? □
4. How did Coca-Cola become basically seen as an American value? How did this help and hurt Coca-Cola (and, in some ways, America itself?)

Epilogue

1. Describe how the scientific advancements of the 19th century brought the history of beverages full circle. □
2. How many people have no access to safe water today?
3. How has access to water affected international relations?